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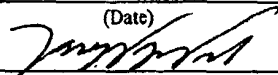
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Yanagi et al.  
Application Number: 09/980,559  
Filing Date: May 14, 2002  
Title: CLONED GENOME OF  
INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS C VIRUS  
OF GENOTYPE 2A AND USES  
THEREOF  
Examiner Name: Li, Bao Q.  
Group Art Unit: 1648

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- (X) Enclosed:  
(X) Amendment/Reply in 5 pages.  
(X) Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 in 3 pages.  
(X) Return Postcard

2. Fees:

- (X) RCE fee (\$790 large entity)

3. Payment:

- (X) Check in the amount of \$790 to cover the above fees.

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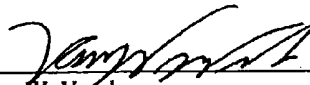
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- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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